

February 7, 2012	<p>Minutes of January 24, 2012 adopted. Pub. Safety SA for HMRF Grant adopted. First Rdgs. Pub. Safety SA for COPS Grant; Gen Fund SA Reassess. Expend. Assoc. with Appeals; Liquid Fuels SA Passed by Emergency Liquid Fuels Brd for Springfield Twp; PRM Credit Note \$1,000,000; PRM Credit Note \$1,700,000; Amend. Ord 113, 2010 & Admin. Code; Capital Prjcts SA for Cnty Techn. Prjcts; Pub. Safety SA for 911 Coord/Dep. Dir.; Gen. Fund SA for Transfer to Pub. Safety. Apprv. Inclusion of North East Twp as Member of COG adopted. Apprv. Inclusion of Girard Borough as Member of COG adopted. Ratifying GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy adopted. Sr. Christine Vladimiroff appt'd to Erie Cnty Housing Auth; Rev Nettie Smith reapptd to Erie Cnty Brd of Health; Kathleen Keys appt'd to Lib. Brd;</p>						
	<p>Mr. Fatica, Chairman, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse, Erie, Pennsylvania. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll recited a prayer.</p>						
Mrs. Loll's Prayer	<p>Mrs. Loll stated that recently two fire chiefs were lost in West County. The Cranesville Fire Chief, Walt Sumner, died from a heart attack after he had been on call. Franklin Fire Department Chief, David Flint, died in a car accident. She recited a prayer.</p>						
Roll Call	<p>Mr. Smith, County Clerk, called the roll:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Members Present:</td><td> Mr. Fatica, Chairman Mr. Giles, Vice Chairman Mr. Beeman Mr. Cleaver Dr. Foust Mr. Leone Mrs. Loll </td></tr> <tr> <td>Members Absent:</td><td>None</td></tr> <tr> <td>Also Present:</td><td> Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk Joseph P. Maloney, Council CPA Thomas Talarico, Council Solicitor Jim Sparber, Director of Finance Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting </td></tr> </table>	Members Present:	Mr. Fatica, Chairman Mr. Giles, Vice Chairman Mr. Beeman Mr. Cleaver Dr. Foust Mr. Leone Mrs. Loll	Members Absent:	None	Also Present:	Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk Joseph P. Maloney, Council CPA Thomas Talarico, Council Solicitor Jim Sparber, Director of Finance Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting
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Minutes	<p>Mr. Giles moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2012 Regular Meeting; Mr. Leone seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.</p>						
Finance Committee	<p>Mr. Giles reported the Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 2, 2012 and agreed to place on the agenda Ordinance Number 10, 2012 for a second reading and Ordinances 11 through 18 for a first reading along with Resolutions 11, 12 and 13. Also on the agenda is the possible appointment of Sister Christine Vladimiroff to the Erie County Housing Authority, the possible appointment of Kathleen Keys to the Erie County Library Board and the possible reappointment of Rev. Nettie Smith to the Erie County Board of Health.</p>						
Personnel Committee	<p>Mrs. Loll reported the Personnel Committee met following the Finance Committee and agreed to place Ordinances 19 and 20 on the agenda for first readings. These ordinances involve a position in Public Safety for an upgrade and a raise.</p>						

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Mr. Giles'
Report

Mr. Giles reported that the Annual NACo Justice and Public Safety Symposium was held January 26 through January 28th. One of the highlights at the symposium was the final presentation at the end by Andrew Young. Mr. Giles submitted the following report for inclusion in the minutes:

This year, I and other Committee Members at the NACo Justice and Public Safety Annual Symposium were privileged to receive a “backstage” pass to some of the most momentous events of the 20th century by someone who I could have addressed as Ambassador, Congressman, or Mayor.

It was none other than the notable Andrew Young. Ambassador Young, now approaching the age of 80 years, has a long and distinguished career. In 1964 he was named Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which sponsored several major peaceful protests which helped lead to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Young, a close companion and principle lieutenant to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was with him in Memphis when King was shot in 1968. Mr. Young was elected to three terms in congress in the State of Georgia starting in 1972; the first man of color elected there since 1872. In 1976, President Jimmy Carter appointed Young the United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Andrew Young was elected mayor of Atlanta in 1981, and re-elected in 1985. Term limited in 1989 Young fell just short of the Governor's office. He turned to another passion, bringing the 1996 Summer Olympics to Atlanta, and was chosen as Co-Chair of that Committee.

The keynote speaker for the awards dinner at the Justice Symposium; Young was not leaning on the usual podium but rather seated, regaling us as an arm chair witness to history. Commissioner John Eaves, Ph.D., Fulton County, GA moderated this unusual presentation while Young detailed personal memories of both their successful and unsuccessful struggles.

He shared memories of Martin Luther King; meals, meetings and experiences, many of which were humorous. Among the most fascinating in this period was King's use of humor to counter the fear experienced by him and his team during the headiest days of the civil rights movement. These stories detailed catfish dinners, rib fests and even a late night pillow fight at the Lorraine Motel, the place where Dr. King was assassinated. Ambassador Young revealed these joyful memories kept him going especially after Dr. King's death and acted as fuel in his continued fight against racism, war and poverty.

Congressman Young was in the trenches as America freed itself from the shadow of the Vietnam War. His support of Presidential Candidate Jimmy Carter eventually led to his appointment as Ambassador to the United States a long journey for someone whose father wanted him in dentistry but whose passion led him to ministry.

As Mayor of Atlanta, Andrew Young had the difficult task of bringing economic growth to the city while addressing its significant crime problems. He knew that the sharing of power and money was the only way to bridge the cavern between the city's business community and the black community. He used this commitment to black and white leadership together in remaking the Atlanta Police Department; a significant step in solving the “Atlanta missing and murdered child case”. He shared many stories about the relevance of effective early education and future criminal activity. Young cited the significance of women in crime prevention and law enforcement. One third of the Atlanta police force consisted of women when he left the Office of Mayor. By 1985 Mayor Young could point to a crime rate that was dropping and a city that was becoming America's premier destination for new business starts.

His overarching theme was the necessity and effectiveness of real team work between all segments of the community. The 1996 summer Olympic Games in Atlanta was the culmination of his life experience and philosophies. At the end of a two hour presentation, Andrew Young was asked “what can we do to be more successful in public safety?” Young responded. “Every city councilman wants to be mayor, every county commissioner wants to be county chair, and every county chair wants to be governor. What you need is somebody in public life who doesn't want to be somebody; a group of public spirited people who are not concerned about who ‘gets the credit’, can change the world.”

Mr. Giles further reported that the Governor presented the budget today. There has been discussion regarding the human services development block grant as well as discussions about taking human services from the counties' perspective and turning them into block grants. As everyone is aware, because of the federal protocols and the state protocols, it is easier said than done. The budget has captured essentially seven county programs which are projected to be lumped together in a block grant. The reduction would be \$168 million from just those seven programs. Mr. Giles has information he will share with other members.

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Mr. Giles noted there are concerns about nursing home support coming from the state. The Governor’s proposed budget has \$4.7 billion in total funds for nursing homes and home health care combined. The larger amount is for nursing home care and there is no reduction, at this point, proposed on that side. There is a slight reduction in home health care for the elderly.

Pub. Safety SA
HMRF Grant

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 10, 2012, “First 2012 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$30,307 And Creation of New Line Items For HMRF Grant.” Mr. Leone moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

First Readings

Mr. Smith gave first readings of the following ordinances:

Ordinance Number 12, 2012, “Second 2012 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$453,252 And The Creation Of New Line Items For COPS Grant Numbers #0189, #0190, And #0115”

Ordinance Number 13, 2012, “Third 2012 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$13,154 And Creation Of New Line Item For Reassessment Expenditures Associated With Appeals”

Ordinance Number 14, 2012, “First 2012 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$19,900 In Emergency Liquid Fuels Passed By The Emergency Liquid Fuels Board For Springfield Township”

Ordinance Number 15, 2012, “An Ordinance Of The County Of Erie, Pennsylvania (The “County”) Authorizing And Directing The Execution And Delivery Of A Guaranty Agreement For The Benefit Of Pleasant Ridge Manor (“Pleasant Ridge”) And Compliance With The Provisions Thereof And Incurring Lease Rental Debt Thereby; Approving A \$1,000,000 Committed Line Of Credit Note From Pleasant Ridge To PNC Bank, National Association; Directing The Proper Officers Of The County To Take Necessary Actions; And Repealing All Inconsistent Ordinances”

Ordinance Number 16, 2012, “An Ordinance Of The County Of Erie, Pennsylvania (The “County”) Authorizing And Directing The Execution And Delivery Of A Guaranty Agreement For The Benefit Of Pleasant Ridge Manor (“Pleasant Ridge”) And Compliance With The Provisions Thereof And Incurring Lease Rental Debt Thereby; Approving A \$1,700,000 Letter Of Credit Agreement From Pleasant Ridge To PNC Bank, National Association; Directing The Proper Officers Of The County To Take Necessary Actions; And Repealing All Inconsistent Ordinances”

Ordinance Number 17, 2012, “Amending Ordinance Number 113, 2010 And The Administrative Code Of Erie County Article III, Section 1 Purchasing Code”

Ordinance Number 18, 2012, “2012 Capital Projects Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$104,102 And Creation Of A New Line Item For County Technology Projects”

Ordinance Number 19, 2012, “Third 2012 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$11,887 For 911 Coordinator/Deputy Director”

Ordinance Number 20, 2012, “Fourth 2012 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$11,887 For Transfer To Public Safety Fund”

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Dr. Foust moved to approve in one vote Resolution Number 11 and 12. Mr. Giles seconded and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

North East Twp &
Girard Boro
Members of COG

Dr. Foust moved to adopt Resolution Number 11, 2012, “A Resolution To Approve And Endorse The Inclusion Of North East Township As A Member Of The Erie Area Council Of Governments” and Resolution Number 12, 2012, “A Resolution To Approve And Endorse The Inclusion Of Girard Borough As A Member Of The Erie Area Council Of Governments.” Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ratifying
GASB 54

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 13, 2012, “Ratifying the GASB 54 Fund Balance Policy In The County Of Erie.” Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Leone seconded and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Giles moved to approve all appointments in one vote. Dr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Appointments
Approved

Mr. Giles moved to approve the following:

- Appointment of Sister Christine Vladimiroff of the Erie County Housing Authority
- Reappointment of Rev. Netti Smith to the Erie County Board of Health
- Appointment of Kathleen Keys to the Erie County Library Board

Dr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary
